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Petitioner in No. 73-765 opposes the motion of the Chamber of Commerce for leave to file a brief as *amicus curiae* in support of the position of Quality

Manufacturing Company in No. 73-765 and of J. Weingarten, Inc. in No. 73-1363. The petitions for writs of certiorari in each case were granted on the same day (April 29, 1974), present a common question, and were "set for oral argument in tandem."

The proffered *amicus* brief is altogether out of time. Rule 42(2) of this Court's Rules provides that an *amicus* brief shall be "presented within the time allowed for the filing of the brief of the party supported." Quality and Weingarten each filed their briefs on August 12, 1974. The *amicus* brief and the attached motion for leave to file it were not submitted until September 16, 1974, more than a month after the briefs of the parties to be supported had already been filed.

No reason justifying so untimely a filing is given. The petitions were granted on April 29, 1974, more than four and one-half months ago, and the briefs of the parties to be supported were filed August 12, 1974, more than a month ago. There was thus ample opportunity to present a timely brief.

While we fully appreciate the need to accommodate busy counsel, no reason is stated in the motion to extenuate the untimeliness of the brief. On the contrary, untimeliness has become a litigating habit with the Chamber of Commerce.[1] Respect for the obligation to achieve moderate compliance with the requirements of Rule 42(2) can only be inculcated by denying

[1] See pages 3-4 of the Memorandum In Opposition To Motion Of Chamber of Commerce For Leave To File Brief Amicus Curiae in *Florida Power & Light Co.* v. *I.B.E.W.*, and *N.L.R.B.* v. *I.B.E.W.*, Nos. 73-556 and 73-795. We are informed that the Chamber's motion to file an out-of-time *amicus* brief was denied in those cases.

habitual motions, unexplained and unjustified, for leave to file untimely *amicus* briefs.

For these reasons the motion for leave to file a brief as *amicus curiae* should be denied.

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